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WORKING OF AVIATION ACADEMIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flying academies have been given permission to operate in the country;

(b) whether some irregularities have been found in the working of the Aviation Academies in the country;

(c) if so,the details thereof particularly about the working of the Carver Aviation Academy in Baramati,Maharashtra; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- At present there are 43 flying clubs out of which 28 are in Public Sector and 15 in Private Sector.

(b),(c) and (d):- Reports of malpractices by the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) of M/s. Carver Aviation Academy were duly investigated by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Investigation revealed irregularity in the functioning of the academy,including improper logging of flying records,issue of fake certificates,non-compliance of rules and procedures, unauthorised night-flying,manipulation of records and lack of proper monitoring system. Pending investigation, the licence of the academy was suspended by DGCA.The CFI status of Capt. Ashim Taxali was withdrawn.However,in view of the fact that the management of the institute themselves detected the malpractices and reported to the local police authorities and keeping in view the career prospects of trainees enrolled with the institute,the suspension of the licence was revoked after assurance from the academy of a strict monitoring system.DGCA has been directed to ensure that these systems are in place.